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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT
SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-1789 (SMB)

SIPA LIQUIDATION

(Substantively Consolidated)

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the Substantively
Consolidated SIPA Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff
Investment Securities LLC and Bernard L. Madoff

Plaintiff,

v.

DONALD A. BENJAMIN,

Defendant.

Adv. Pro. No. 10-04621 (SMB)

**RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS OF DEFENDANT DONALD A. BENJAMIN TO
TRUSTEE'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES**

DONALD A. BENJAMIN (“Responding Party”), by and through his attorneys, and pursuant to Rules 26 and 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Rules 7026 and 7033 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and the Local Rules of this Court, hereby responds and objects to the First Set of Interrogatories (the “Requests”) of trustee Irving H. Picard (the “Trustee”) as follows:

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

1. Responding Party objects to each instruction, definition, and Request to the extent that it purports to impose any requirement or discovery obligation greater than or different from those under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the applicable Rules and Orders of the Court.

2. Responding Party objects to each instruction, definition, and Request to the extent it is vague, ambiguous, overly broad and unduly burdensome, or requests the production of documents that are not relevant to any parties’ claims or defenses.

3. Responding Party objects to the Requests to the extent they request disclosure of (i) legal theories, legal opinions, mental impressions or other information of Responding Parties’ counsel, (ii) any information protected by any privilege, including, without limitation, the attorney-client privilege or the privilege afforded to settlements or settlement negotiations, or (iii) any other available and valid grounds for withholding information or documents from production, including, without limitation, the attorney work product doctrine. Nothing contained in these responses should be interpreted as a waiver of any such privilege or doctrine.

4. Responding Party objects to the Requests to the extent they require production of documents not within the possession, custody, or control of the Responding Party.

5. Responding Party objects to the Requests to the extent they call for legal conclusions.

6. Responding Party objects to the Requests to the extent they seek disclosure of proprietary and/or confidential information.

7. Responding Party objects to each definition, instruction, and Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks documents that are readily or more accessible to the Propounding Party from its own files or documents, which the Propounding Party previously produced to the Responding Party.

8. Responding Party reserves all objections as to the competence, relevance, materiality, admissibility, or privileged status of any information provided in response to these Requests, unless the Responding Party specifically states otherwise.

9. Responding Party's responses to the Requests are based upon information presently available. Responding Party has not completed discovery. Accordingly, these responses are made without prejudice to Responding Party's right to present additional evidence based upon information subsequently obtained or evaluated.

10. Responding Party expressly reserves the right to supplement, clarify, revise, or correct any responses and objections herein, and to assert additional objections or privileges, in one or more subsequent supplemental response(s).

11. Responding Party's response to each of the Requests is made subject to these General Objections and limitations. Responding Party sets them out here to avoid repeating them in response to each individual Request. Responding Party's failure to specifically set forth an objection in response to a particular Request shall not be construed as a waiver of said objection.

12. Responding Party objects to the Requests to the extent that they seek disclosure of information or production of documents which are outside of the “Applicable Period” or for a time period that has no relevance to the issues in the complaint and answer.

RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS

1. Identify each Person who was involved in answering these discovery requests and explain each Person’s role in answering these discovery requests.

ANSWER: Donald A. Benjamin.

2. Identify the reasons for each Transfer.

ANSWER: Responding Party is unable to do so except to the extent that withdrawals were taken to pay applicable taxes on the reported short term capital gains in the Account.

3. Identify the reasons for each Subsequent Transfer.

ANSWER: Responding Party refuses to answer this interrogatory because it is improper and it is unethical for the Trustee to be seeking information concerning subsequent transfers.

4. Identify each deposit into the Accounts.

ANSWER: Responding Party is unable to do so. To the extent that the Trustee has reliable third party documents proving a deposit (such as Madoff’s bank records), Responding Party will acknowledge that deposit. However, as the Trustee has admitted, Madoff’s records are permeated with fraud and, therefore, they cannot be relied upon to prove any deposits. Moreover, the Trustee has admitted he has no bank records prior to December 1998. Hence, he has no competent evidence of any

activity in the account prior to December 1998. Responding Party notes that he deposited \$900,000 on January 4, 2007 which offsets entirely the Trustee's claim.

5. Identify each Person with knowledge of any Transfer, the circumstances under which each Person obtained such knowledge, and the substance of that Person's knowledge.

ANSWER: Annette Bongiorno; Bernard L. Madoff, and possibly other Madoff employees. To the extent this interrogatory seeks information about subsequent transferees, the interrogatory is improper and it is unethical for the Trustee to be seeking this information.

6. Identify: (a) each Person or entity that ever received funds withdrawn from the Account(s), whether directly or indirectly; (b) the amount of money that each such Person or entity received; and (c) the date(s) on which each Person or entity received such money.

ANSWER: Responding Party is unable to do so. To the extent this interrogatory seeks information about subsequent transferees, the interrogatory is improper and it is unethical for the Trustee to be seeking this information. The Responding Party was the direct recipient of each transfer except for withdrawals needed to pay applicable taxes on the reported short term capital gains in the Account.

7. Identify all Persons who benefited from any Transfer, including, but not limited to, Persons who received or enjoyed the benefit of anything paid for with any funds that were part of any Transfer, and describe how these Persons benefited.

ANSWER: Party is unable to do so. To the extent this interrogatory seeks information about subsequent transferees, the interrogatory is improper and it is unethical for the Trustee to be seeking this information.

8. To the extent not already provided in Your responses to the preceding Interrogatories, state how You used any money You received from the Transfers.

ANSWER: Responding Party paid taxes based on short term capital gains rates on the reported fictitious appreciation in the Account. The balance of the funds were used for the Responding Party's support.

9. Identify any and all banks and/or financial institutions where You hold or have held accounts during the Applicable Period, and for each account, give the account number, the date the account was opened, and the date the account was closed.

ANSWER: Responding Party admits the deposits and withdrawals reflected on Exhibit B to the complaint for the period from December 11, 2006 through December 11, 2008. The Trustee has no right to any bank information covering this period of time and the Trustee is seeking such information solely for the illegal purpose of obtaining information to frame a complaint against subsequent transferees.

10. Identify all meetings You, and/or someone acting on Your behalf, attended where an employee or representative of BLMIS was present and describe the substance of the communications that occurred during each meeting.

ANSWER: Responding Party cannot recall any such meeting.

11. Identify any Persons to whom You paid any management fees, performance fees, or any other fees in connection with the Accounts. For each Person so identified, Identify the amount of such fees paid on a monthly basis, setting forth separately the amount attributable to each type of fee.

ANSWER: Responding Party paid no such fees.

12. For each denial of a material allegation and each affirmative defense in Your answer to the Complaint:

- a. state all facts upon which You base the denial or affirmative defense;
- b. state the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all Persons who have knowledge of those facts; and
- c. Identify all Documents and other tangible things that support Your denial or affirmative defense, and state the name, address, and telephone number of the Person who has each Document.

ANSWER: Most of the affirmative defenses are based on legal arguments.

However:

(a) The defense concerning payment of capital gains taxes is based upon Responding Party's testimony as to the payment of taxes at the applicable tax rates for each year of the Account and the reported income as reflected in Madoff's statements which are in the Trustee's possession.

(b) The defense concerning Madoff not being a Ponzi scheme is based upon the non-investment advisory activities of Madoff as reflected in documents in the Trustee's possession and upon the testimony of Bernard L. Madoff and various employees (yet to be identified) who worked in the propriety trading and market-making operations.

(c) The defense concerning the denial of the Trustee's determination of "net equity" is based, in part, upon the Trustee's dishonest treatment of profit withdrawals and his lack of any documentary evidence pre-dating December 1998.

(d) The defense concerning the Trustee's due process violations is based upon the Trustee's compensation structure with Baker & Hostetler, LLP which the Trustee is obligated to disclose.

(e) The defense concerning the "value" bestowed on Madoff by Defendants is based, in part, upon expert testimony that Defendant may develop.

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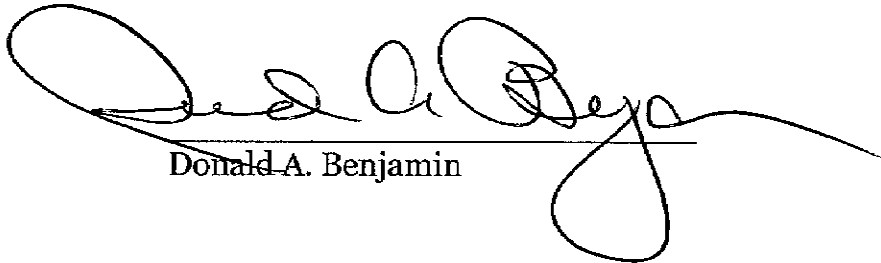
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VERIFICATION

I, DONALD A. BENJAMIN , declare pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that I have read the foregoing interrogatory answers and that the responses contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that if any of these responses is found to be willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

July 5, 2016


Donald A. Benjamin

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was served this 25th day of July, 2016 by electronic and USPS first class mail upon the following:

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